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Prince Andrew High School Grade 12 student Kenzi Donnelly holds one of the protest signs in Dartmouth on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Queen's Marquee approved

WATERFRONT

Venue will house hotel, residential, office and retail space



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The municipality's Design Review Committee approved the massive Queen's Marquee project for the Halifax waterfront during its meeting on Thursday, despite concerns from municipal staff about multiple aspects of the project.

The committee's approval was the last step for the Lower Water Street development, a collaboration between the Armour Group and the Waterfront Development Corporation, which will lease out the land.

The 10-storey building will house hotel, residential, office and retail space atop the area historically known as Queen's Landing — which runs along Lower Water Street, bordered by George Street and Prince Street.

The developer requested 13 variances to land use bylaws in the area, and the committee allowed all of them to go forward, unanimously approving the development with no conditions. Municipal staff recommended all but one, for streetwall height on Lower Water Street.

The maximum height for a streetwall in the area is 18.5 metres. The building as pro-



A rendering of Queen's Marquee, which was the subject of concerns by municipal staff. CONTRIBUTED

posed has one streetwall at 32.9 metres.

In the report before the committee, municipal staff had concerns about the wall creating a "canyon effect" on Lower Water Street, and wrote, "it is difficult to rationalize a near doubling of the maximum permitted streetwall height ... as being a modest variance."

To fix this, staff recommended the committee require that the developer create an upper storey setback — something Armour Group CEO Scott McCrea told the committee

"We feel that the renderings and the nature of renderings don't properly express that scale."

Scott McCrea

would force his architects to have to start from scratch.

Staff also recommended changes to the materials used

on the roof and sides of the building. The committee threw those recommendations out.

"We're very pleased with the Design Review Committee's learned and thoughtful consideration of the entirety of the project," McCrea said after the meeting.

As for the "canyon effect" staff worried about, McCrea said the renderings made the scale of the building look larger than it would in reality.

"We know that people feel it's big," he said. "It is a big change, and I'm not sure it's

the size of the development so much as it is the degree to which it changes what's there today."

Site preparation has begun, though McCrea said that's not a full commitment, as "there are a lot of things that need to be fully aligned for it to happen."

Nonetheless, he said he's hoping construction will begin in early 2017.

McCrea said the office and residential portions of the building will open in late 2019, and the hotel, which his company will operate, in 2020.

DEVELOPMENT

Historic building to come down

After asking for a few changes at its last meeting, the municipality's Design Review Committee has approved a development at the corner of South and Barrington streets that will see a nearly 200-year-old building torn down.

Paul Skerry Architects Limited proposed a six-storey mixed-use building on the site, replacing the three-storey apartment building known as the Elmwood, built in the 1820s. The building required no variances in the land use bylaws for the area.

Staff recommended approving the project last month, but the committee sent the developer back to the drawing board "due to questions and concerns regarding streetwall design, building articulation and material selection."

As a result, the developer made some changes to the streetwall and building facade on South Street. Those changes included removing a canopy that hung over the sidewalk and replacing it with awnings over what will be patio-like spaces in front of whatever businesses move into the ground-floor commercial space.

"I like what happening at the street level better than before," said committee member Anna Sampson.

The designs presented to the committee on Thursday were not yet scaled, so the committee's approval is contingent on the scaling meeting the requirements of the land use bylaws.

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Tech startup is at forefront of new boom time on Barrington



Jen Taplin
For Metro | Halifax

From across his modern workspace with its shiny hardwood floors and pops of blue from the painted beams in the ceiling, Andy MacLellan can look through his enormous windows at an active downtown.

MacLellan is president and founder of Verb Interactive, one of several tech firms finding a happy home on Barrington Street.

"We put everything into this and it's been so good for our culture. We have people flying in from all over the U.S., Canada to see us and they say they never thought a space like this existed in downtown Halifax," he said.

Two Dalhousie University

grads, unhappy working for someone else, started their own operation in 2004. They moved to Barrington in the old Roy building in 2008 for the cheapest rent they could find. Then in April they moved into a 10,000 square foot spot above the old Sam the Record Man building.

"We're a digital marketing agency that specializes in hospitality and travel marketing," said MacLellan. "I think word in Halifax is just getting out in the last 18 months that 'wow, I can't believe this company is in Halifax.' We have 91 people on the staff now and it's pretty wild."

Last week, Mayor Mike Sav-



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Andy MacLellan,
Verb president and founder

age told the Halifax Chamber of Commerce that tech sector employment in Halifax has jumped 50 per cent in the past five years.

"Halifax ranks high in tech talent across the country putting us ahead of startup darlings like Waterloo and bigger cities," Savage said.

"As startups move into the upper floors along Barrington Street and elsewhere ... they are quickly becoming part of the personality of our place."

For MacLellan, the answer to "why Barrington?" is easy.

"It puts you in the core of everything and it attracts the right talent. That's a big thing," he said.

Many agencies are setting up shop in Bedford, Burnside or Bayers Lake, but MacLellan said if they want to attract the best talent being in the heart of it all helps.

"We created a great space where people can come to work, it's a fun environment. We have beer on tap here, but if people want to go out after work it's there too," he said.

Adam Conter, vice president of Starfish Properties, said



Andy MacLellan, president and founder of Verb Interactive, has a modern office space for close to a hundred people on Barrington Street. JEFF HARPER/METRO

start-up tech firms are looking for character spaces which fit their lifestyle so they can attract and maintain staff. He said Barrington has received

a lot of attention in the past three years.

"We've attracted not only a great deal of young and mature start-up companies in the

tech sector but we're also very attractive to those in the creative sector, the communications sector, public relations and marketing," Conter said.

ENVIRONMENT

Green groups slam coal plans

Two environmental groups are slamming last week's agreement allowing Nova Scotia to use coal-fired electrical plants beyond the new federal deadline to phase them out by 2030.

The Margaree Environmental Association and the Sierra Club Canada-Atlantic say 80 per cent of the current coal burning cap-

acity in the province can be shut down by 2020.

The groups say that can be achieved through more wind and solar power projects, power from the Muskrat Falls project in Labrador, and by importing power from Quebec.

Neal Livingston, co-chair of the Margaree association, says

the Nova Scotia government has been setting itself up as an environmental leader when it actually will be one of the last jurisdictions to continue to burn coal.

The Sierra Club Canada-Atlantic remains opposed to the proposed development of Cape Breton's Donkin coal mine.

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Prince Andrew High School student Kenzi Donnelly creates some signs for Friday's protest in Dartmouth on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'We needed to do something more'

SCHOOLS

Students ready to walk out in support of teachers



Jen Taplin
For Metro | Halifax

With a roar, thousands of students are hoping to send a message of support for their teachers and their potential strike action. At 12:45 p.m., high school students from more than 40 schools throughout the province are going to walk out of class Friday and hold rallies in their communities.

Kenzi Donnelly, a founder of Students for Teachers and Grade 12 student at Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth, said the group has written a letter and talked to politicians, but it just isn't doing enough.

She said students don't feel

they're being taken seriously.

"When we heard about the talks being broken off the other day we got really, really fed up. It was frustrating for us because we wanted both sides back at the table," she said Thursday. "We just thought we needed to do something more and bigger to send a very strong message."

Through social media, Students for Teachers now has upwards of 2,000 members.

Donnelly said the walkout was inspired by one staged by students in the late '80s.

Manuel Moncayo-Adams, a Grade 12 Dartmouth High School student, said word and support for the action caught fire quickly. "I think students are absolutely passionate about it," he said.

There is concern about breaking the school's exemption policy where students with perfect attendance records can apply for exam exemptions for some classes. Moncayo-Adams said he believes if the event is big enough, it's considered an act of civil disobedience and students would be clear.

ASKED TO STAY

The provincial francophone school board sent out a message to parents Thursday warning this kind of demonstration can put student safety into question.

The board asked students to stay on school grounds, and recommended parents talk to students about the implications of the demonstration.

The group is getting criticism that students are using the walk-out as an excuse to skip class, and concerns about safety.

"This is being advertised to high school students. We have strong opinions of what is happening and we are taking proper steps to ensure our safety is our main priority," Donnelly said.

"We're taking this very seriously and this is about fighting for our education, not an excuse to leave class."

Nova Scotians divided on potential strike action: Survey



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A recent survey shows Nova Scotia residents are divided about potential strike action by the province's public school teachers.

In a media release issued Thursday, Corporate Research Associates (CRA) said their most recent survey shows nearly one-half of Nova Scotia residents (47 per cent) completely or mostly support strike action by the

province's public school teachers. Another group (44 per cent) mostly or completely oppose strike action. Another eight per cent didn't know or didn't offer an opinion.

Women and residents under the age of 55 were more likely to support teachers compared to males and those 55 years of age or older.

These findings are part of the CRA Atlantic Quarterly, an independent, quarterly survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based

44%

People in Nova Scotia who oppose strike action

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Probe into senior's death

NURSING HOME

Wife alleges 'sweet' man pushed by fellow resident

A police probe has been launched into the nursing home death of a "sweet" 79-year-old Halifax-area man, as his wife alleges he was pushed by another resident with severe dementia, fell and died later in hospital.

RCMP Cpl. Jennifer Clarke confirmed that Gordon Birchell died at the Ivy Meadows home on Oct. 29 and that police have opened a suspicious death investigation, but she declined to provide any further details.

Joan Birchell, Gordon's wife, said in an interview that she was told by a staff member that her husband was pushed on Oct. 24 at the home in the Halifax suburb of Beaver Bank by a female resident with severe dementia.

Birchell, 79, says her husband fell, hit his head and was hospitalized at the Cobequid Community Health Centre. He was returned to the home, where he died.



Joan Birchell holds a snapshot of her late husband Gordon Birchell, at her home in Windsor Junction on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Birchell said her husband, who had an earlier stage of dementia, had been pushed by the same person on repeat occasions, including once when she was there.

"The people who work there were told that ... if she comes after him, you're supposed to stop her from going near him,"

she said.

"The public should be informed," she said, regarding the Health Department's decision not to release details.

Bonnie Cuming, a friend of Birchell, said she had visited him four days before his death and was shocked to hear he had died

when her husband returned to visit on Nov. 11.

Cuming said Birchell was a native of Newfoundland and Labrador and was a former maintenance worker at the school where her husband had worked.

"He was a nice man, a sweet, sweet man. ... We're just sick that

he died in that way," she said in a telephone interview.

Tracy Bonner, the administrator of the provincially regulated home — owned and operated by the Halifax-based Stevens Group — confirmed an investigation is underway and declined further comment.

The medical examiner, Dr. Matthew Bowes, said in an email that his office is still investigating the cause of death, while a Health Department spokeswoman said an investigation has been opened under its Protection of Persons in Care legislation into Birchell's care.

Tracy Barron, the spokeswoman for the Health Department, declined to provide any further details. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ DEATHS

Eight other cases

In May, The Canadian Press reported that to that date eight residents of nursing homes in Nova Scotia have died since 2008 due to aggression from other residents.

INCUBATOR

Marine tech gets boost

Nova Scotia and the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth are teaming up to develop new marine technology.

Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil and UMass-Dartmouth signed a memorandum of understanding.

Wednesday's agreement creates a partnership between UMass-Dartmouth's new Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Halifax-based Centre for Ocean Ventures and Entrepreneurship.

The Standard-Times of New Bedford reports that both organizations will provide space for marine technology incubators. They'll also research and develop new commercially viable marine technologies, and engage in student exchange programs.

UMass-Dartmouth assistant vice chancellor Toby Stapleton calls it "a significant step in solidifying a long-standing relationship."

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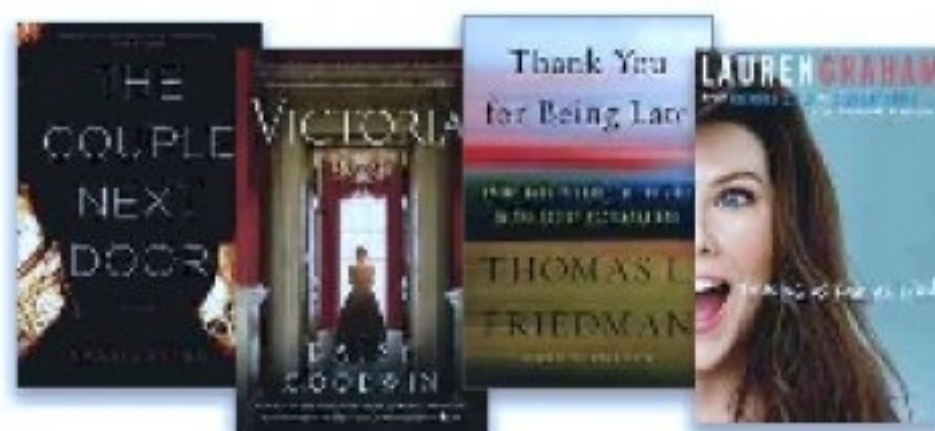
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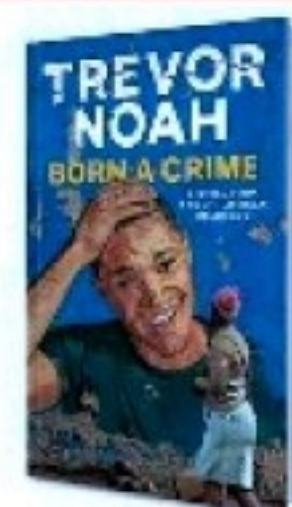
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Province to add support for refugees

INCOME ASSISTANCE

Community services hires case worker fluent in Arabic

Nova Scotia is hiring an Arabic-speaking welfare case worker as it prepares for the end of federal sponsorship support for Syrian refugees.

About 1,300 Syrian refugees have come to Nova Scotia since last December, sponsored both federally and privately, with more expected to arrive before January.

Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard said Thursday an Arabic-speaking case worker will be hired in the coming weeks as her department readies for an expected influx of Syrians requiring income assistance.

Bernard said she expects an initial group to begin seeking help in January, as federal sponsorship support for refugees expires after a 12-month period.

"We have French-speaking case workers, we have Mi'kmaq-speaking case workers," Bernard said. "We're trying to be pro-active — it's much easier for people to come seek services from government if there's someone there that can speak their language."

She said there are always strains on the income assistance budget, but the department has the capacity to provide the needed help.

"People who come to us — there's no cap on it. If you qualify, you're approved," she said.

"There's always fluctuations."

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THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

From gingerbread to jazz, holidays are here. A Harry Potter-inspired Yule Ball, German holiday market, David Myles and the Symphony add to festive fun.

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1 Yule Ball

Inspired by Harry Potter, this Hal-Con event allows you to dust off your dress robes, dig out your cosplay or show up in your finest duds for a night of dance, drinks and snacks. The event works its magic Saturday at the University of King's College's Prince Hall from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 per person, attendance restricted to 19-plus. Tickets are available via eventbrite.ca/e/hal-cons-3rd-annual-yule-ball-tickets-29320185464



2 Christkindlmarket

Experience a traditional German holiday market at Alderney Landing. The weekend event includes farmer's market fare and free family entertainment. Enjoy carousel rides, musical performances, a Santa visit, Maritime Marionettes and much more. The market runs Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 2 to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. alderneylanding.com/events/other_events.html



4 Gingerbread Sunday

Construct and decorate your own gingerbread house or make one as a family at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia this Sunday. All materials are supplied. The event is free with admission to the gallery. All ages are welcome, although children must be with an adult. No registration required for this drop-in event, which runs from noon to 4 p.m.



4 A Charlie Brown Christmas Live

Halifax Jazz Festival presents an annual fundraiser for music education with its Tales of a Charlie Brown Christmas live show. Featuring the Jerry Granelli Trio and the Sacred Heart Children's Choir, the children's classic Christmas tale takes to the Spatz Theatre stage Sunday with performances at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Free entry for one child with every adult ticket purchased for the 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets available via halifaxjazzfestival.ca



5 David Myles and Symphony Nova Scotia

Join David Myles as he brings music from his 2014 album *It's Christmas* to the stage with Symphony Nova Scotia. Enjoy "merry new music" in addition to "beloved old carols." Friday and Saturday night shows are at the Rebecca Cohn with 7:30 p.m. start times both evenings. Ticket prices range from \$40 to \$77 and are available through the Symphony Nova Scotia website or the Dalhousie Arts Centre Box Office.

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Pepper spray is OK: Leitch

LEADERSHIP RACE

Tory candidate would legalize spray irritants for self-defence



Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch is calling for Canadians to have the right to bear-spray arms.

Leitch, who has staked her candidacy on a platform of "Canadian values," announced her intentions in a Facebook post Wednesday morning.

"As prime minister, I will amend the Criminal Code to make it legal for Canadians to possess mace and pepper spray for self-defence purposes," the Ontario MP wrote, adding that the measure is needed for women to fend off potential physical and sexual violence.

"Women should not be forced by the law to be victims of vio-

lence when there exist non-lethal means by which they can protect themselves."

An additional statement from Leitch's office clarified that self-defence is the only use of spray irritants she would make legal and that other purposes would be "prosecuted to the fullest extent possible."

Leitch's social media presence has ramped up in recent weeks after she reacted to Donald Trump's victory by saying the president-elect had an "exciting message" for Canadians.

Her platform shares a focus on immigration that helped propel Trump to victory in the U.S.

Among the policies she has called for are a face-to-face "values test" that would screen potential immigrants for their opinions on a range of human rights issues. Leitch has criticized the government's Syrian refugee settlement program, which she calls a "disaster."

She has also called for the complete dismantlement of the CBC and has come out firmly against pricing carbon.

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WORLD AIDS DAY RESEARCH TO GET FUNDING BOOST Prime Minister Justin Trudeau raises the World AIDS Day flag, as Minister of Health Jane Philpott looks on in Ottawa on Thursday. The federal government has pledged more support for the fight against AIDS, and Trudeau says he's confident the battle can be won. In marking World AIDS Day, Philpott also announced the government will spend another \$3.5 million on AIDS research. That's on top of the \$50 million per year Canada currently invests in HIV and AIDS research. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

GOVERNMENT

Liberals backtrack on voting reforms

Liberal members of a special all-party committee on electoral reform are urging Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to break his 2015 promise to change Canada's voting system before the next federal election.

That remarkable call for inaction came Thursday even as opposition members of the committee joined forces to put pressure on Trudeau to keep the campaign commitment. In its long-awaited final report, the opposition-dominated committee recommended that the government design a new proportional voting system

and hold a national referendum to gauge support.

It could all be done in time for the next election in October 2019, opposition MPs maintained. NDP democratic reform critic Nathan Cullen called the majority report "historic."

But Cullen also acknowledged the "strange scenario" that seems to be developing,

with "the Bloc Quebecois, the Conservative party, the NDP and the Greens finding enough room for consensus to help the Liberals keep a Liberal promise and the Liberals not so interested in it anymore."

In a "supplementary" report, the committee's Liberal members said Canadians have not been sufficiently engaged in the issue and expressed

deep misgivings about holding a referendum to measure public opinion on the subject. They recommended that the government undertake "a period of comprehensive and effective citizen engagement" before proposing any specific voting system, all of which they said "cannot be effectively completed before 2019."

"We feel it would be irresponsible for the government to act in haste just to meet the 2019 deadline," Liberal MP Matt DeCoursey told a said shortly after the report was tabled in the House of Commons. THE CANADIAN PRESS



We feel it would be irresponsible for the government to act in haste.

Matt DeCoursey

IN BRIEF

Border services seize massive fentanyl package

The Canada Border Services Agency has seized a package containing enough fentanyl that Victoria police say could cause a potential 725,000 overdoses. The package intercepted at Vancouver's airport was destined for a Victoria, B.C., address and contained 1.45 kilograms of the deadly opioid, acting police chief Del Manak told a news conference where a variety of drugs packaged in plastic bags were displayed on a table. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Experts investigating pair of B.C. whale deaths

A necropsy has been completed on the latest humpback whale to drown while trapped underwater by fish-farm equipment off the B.C. coast. Fisheries experts say it could take much longer to determine why these creatures are becoming entangled. Fisheries and Oceans Canada marine mammal co-ordinator Paul Cottrell said a final report could take months, depending on the tissues studied. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The state of women in Trump's U.S.

How do you explain gender inequalities to people who refuse to believe they exist or don't think they matter?

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

When Hillary Clinton beat the drum of the woman card along the 2016 campaign trail — “Deal me in!” — it was the grandma joke that landed a little flat.

Fighting for women's equality and rights was a desperate need for many of her supporters, but as a punchline, the deck-of-cards analogy hardly blew your socks off. And for the majority of white American women who voted in Trump, it clearly didn't make the difference.

Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign-manager-turned-advisor, appears to now interpret Clinton's loss as proof that Trump isn't actually sexist or misogynist.

“All this anti-woman stuff,” she said this week, after being asked at a Washington, D.C., event how she “rationalized” Trump's pussy-grabbing tape with the fact he's denied allegations of sexual assault.



Supporters hold Women for Trump signs at a campaign rally for Donald Trump on Nov. 7. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

“And you know how America's women answered? They gave the would-be first female candidate, I don't know, what was it, 56 per cent of the vote, 57?” (Pew Research Centre has it at 54 per cent.)

“She should have gotten 60 or 62 percent of the female vote,” Conway continued, according to Politico. “And part of why she did not is women tired of the same argument and the same thing that you're

presenting to me now, even though you're trying to be personally mean about it.”

Conway is objectively right. Focuses on Trump's sexism and misogyny didn't give Clinton the win. The questioner had asked how Conway “rationalized” Trump “as a woman.” And Conway, and many women, answered, basically, screw you.

The problem for feminism — for the state of women

under a Trump world order — is just how resolutely the appeal to women's interests failed to sway women's votes; just how readily sexism and misogyny are accepted by women as well as men. The election has offered an educational conundrum: How do you explain gender inequalities to people who refuse to believe they exist or — more worryingly — don't think they matter?

Some are appealing to Ivanka Trump, the top female surrogate for her father, in Instagram posts that begin “Dear Ivanka,” and continue with pleas to support women's reproductive rights, fight HIV/AIDS, improve access to child care and tackle climate change.

According to a separate Politico story, Ivanka apparently does plan on using a first-lady-esque position in her father's

White House to address climate change. But I expect her impact, on any given issue, will have all the force of a polite sneeze.

In the reporting so far into who Ivanka is and what she believes, there's nothing to suggest she is substantially unlike her father. She appears just as policy-thin (her proposed child-care policy would do little for families most in need), corporate-driven (she's committed to running Trump's businesses despite a high-profile role in the transition team), and entitled (her memoir gives herself, and not her inherited wealth, all the credit). Left-wing hopefuls seem to be reaching out to Ivanka — and not, say, her husband, Jared Kushner — purely in the misguided belief that her womanhood indicates a secret harbour of progressive views.

It's a conclusion as faulty as Clinton's faith in the woman card. And one that will do nothing to aid American feminism at the onset of a dark and demanding four years.

TENNESSEE

Death toll from wildfires rises

Crews discovered the remains of three more people as they searched the rubble of wildfires that torched hundreds of homes and businesses near the Great Smoky Mountains, bringing the death toll to 10, officials said Thursday.

Authorities set up a hotline for people to report missing friends

and relatives, and after following up on dozens of leads, they said many of those people had been accounted for. They did not say whether they believe anyone else is still missing or may have died.

“I think it's fair to say that the search is winding down,” Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters said.

He said the searches would

likely be completed Friday.

Nearly 24 hours of rain on Wednesday helped dampen the wildfires, but fire officials struck a cautious tone, saying people shouldn't have a false sense of security because months of drought have left the ground bone-dry and wildfires can rekindle.

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+ REACTION

Dolly Parton offers monthly money

Dolly Parton says she's establishing a fund to help victims of the wildfires, establishing the My People Fund, which will provide \$1,000 monthly to Sevier County families who lost their homes.

Beaver goes on rampage



Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

A beaver bandit was rounded up by police after making a dam fine mess of a holiday aisle at a Maryland dollar store.

News of the rogue rodent's Christmas caper comes via tweets from the St. Mary's County Sheriff, who say the beaver waddled

through the front door and made a beav-line for an aisle that looked to be lined with delicious tree treats.

Bad news, beaver: Those balsams are bogus.

In what we can all hope was a display of displeasure, the beaver put its finely honed skills of destruction to work on the surrounding Yuletide merchandise.

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Labour crisis looms in agricultural sector

FARMING

Robust migrant farm worker program needed: Study

With a growing demand for unskilled agricultural workers, a new study warns a large portion of Canadian farmland will lie fallow without a robust migrant farm worker program.

Labour shortages within the sector have already doubled over the past decade and are expected to double again by 2025, reaching 113,800 unfilled jobs, said the Conference Board of Canada study.

"A growing labour gap in agriculture is being driven by a combination of circumstances, including an aging workforce, large seasonal fluctuations in employment, the rural location of many operations, and negative perceptions about working



Migrant workers currently account for 12 per cent of Canada's agricultural workforce. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

in the sector," said the study, Sowing the Seeds of Growth.

"Simply paying Canadians more to work in the sector or buying more machines may not be possible and will not eliminate the sector's need for TFWs (temporary foreign workers)."

The report came on the eve of a soon-to-come announce-

ment by Ottawa to overhaul its temporary foreign workers program.

Currently, migrant workers account for 12 per cent of Canada's agricultural workforce, filling about three-quarters of the sector's labour gap, said the study. Twenty years ago, only five per cent of the farm

workers were brought in from other countries.

In 2015, the sector accounted for 58 per cent of the number of positive labour market impact assessments — a review by federal officials to ensure there's a labour shortage and the hiring of the migrant workers will not take jobs away from Canadians.

At the seasonal peak, the sector needs about 100,000 more workers than at seasonal lows.

Latest government data showed 177,704 migrant workers were issued work permits in 2014, including 45,281 agricultural workers and 41,002 lower-skilled workers, many of them on farm work.

Forty per cent of the farm operators in the Conference Board survey cited the physicality of work as a labour retention challenge. In 2015, farm workers put in an average of 44.8 hours per week, compared with an average of 35.9 hours for all sectors.

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STREAMING SERVICES

Here's how Netflix downloading works



Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

It's been on the wish lists of subscribers for a very long time, and this week Netflix finally announced users will be able to download programs for offline viewing. So to all the straphangers, frequent flyers and sufferers of wandering wi-fi, here's everything you need to know to get started.

Can I download anything for future viewing?

We're afraid not. At least for now, only Netflix-owned shows like *The Crown* and *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* can be saved for offline viewing.

What devices can I download to?

If you want to take your Netflix shows on the go, you're going to need the iOS or Android app. Your device will need to be running at least iOS 8.0 or Android 4.4.2 to be compatible with the app.

I notice "laptop" missing from that answer.

Correct! Only the mobile app can download programs for future viewing. You also won't be able to move downloaded files over to your computer.

How much data does downloading guzzle?

Downloading a program requires the same data needed for streaming it, so it's best to load up at home on your personal network.

How much storage space will I need?

An average hour-long episode in standard definition clocks in at around 280MB. SD is the default download setting, but if you crave that high-definition action, you'll need roughly twice that.

Will my downloads expire?

This one is kind of all over the place because each program has a different shelf life. If a saved episode expires in less than seven days, your app's My Downloads section will show you a countdown. Other programs will have to be completed within 48 hours of the first time you press play.

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LOYALTY REWARDS

Air Miles cancels expiry policy

Following an uproar from consumers, the company that runs the Air Miles loyalty points program says it is cancelling plans that would have seen collectors lose their miles after five years.

The expiry policy was supposed to be implemented

beginning Dec. 31. But LoyaltyOne announced Thursday it was walking away from that plan, effective immediately.

"There is uncertainty with provincial governments proposing or considering legislation across Canada, so we have decided to cancel the expiry

policy so that all collectors, regardless of location, can be confident that their balances will be protected," LoyaltyOne CEO Bryan Pearson said.

The Air Miles reward program has more than 11 million active collector accounts.

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WILL YOU LIVE TO 117? IT'S COMPLICATED

Everyone, at some point, was the youngest person on Earth. But only a tiny group get to be counted among the oldest — like Emma Morano, 117, of Italy, who was just crowned the longest-lived person on the planet. Supercentenarians like her (who live to 110+) are a bit of a medical mystery. **What gives the super-old their super-longevity? We don't know, but they do share a few common characteristics.**



Emma Morano, 117, says being single since 1938 kept her young

HOW THEY DO IT



Genes

Super-long life runs in families, but genetic sequencing has not shown exactly the genes involved. Half of people who live to 100 also have at least one parent, sibling or child who does.



Independence

As a rule, the later you get your first chronic illness or disability, the longer you live. Studies show very few supercentenarians get diabetes, heart disease, or cancer before their 90s. Most are independent at 95 and aren't frail until 105.



Biochemistry

People in their 100s have lower levels of proteins that indicate inflammation in their blood than peers in their 80s and 90s.



Staying sharp

Evidence is mixed, but it suggests dementia sets in later among those 110+. One small study of seniors 115 and up found six out of the seven subjects were able to carry out a meaningful conversation a few weeks before their death.



Personality

They've seen it all: Supercentenarians are better than average at dealing with stress, tend to be extroverts and have a sunny outlook on life.

FINDINGS

Your week in science



THAT'S FRESH

Swiss researchers have found three new ways to preserve vaccine fluid at room temperature, making it easier to ship shots around the world: Add nanoparticles, an FDA-approved polymer, or (no kidding!) a solution made of table sugar.

SIRI TAKE NOTE

Do you have an opposite-sex friend or partner who's vexed by a voice that sounds perfectly pleasant to you? One Canadian researcher has found men and women judge the attractiveness of speaking voices differently. Women found longer 's' sounds attractive but men did not.

SOUND SMART



DEFINITION

A **polymer** is a molecule made of smaller repeating units. Those with relatively large molecular mass — thanks to their many, many subunits — are often stretchy, unstructured and durable: handy properties in glues and plastics.

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A WORD FROM OTHER CONTENDERS

What is their formula?



Violet Brown, 116 (1900-)
Jamaica

Being self-reliant, reading the Bible



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France

Chocolate, olive oil, being relaxed



Misao Okawa, 117 (1898-2015)
Japan

Sushi, lots of sleep



Marie-Louise Meilleur, 117 (1880-1998)
Canada

Wine, hard work

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Overlook the obvious, miss a lot of science

If gravity has a downward force, why does the flame coming out of my lighter point upwards, even when I flip it upside-down? — Geoff

Reading your questions (keep 'em coming!) is a two-step process in my head.

1) Pssh! I can answer this in my sleep! Fire is a chemical reaction called oxidation, which releases the chemical energy stored in fuel (your lighter fluid) as heat. Heat rises. Hence fire rises. BOOM.

2) Wait, what does that mean? What are flames, exactly? Heat is invisible. Fire must be made of something.

When you generate a spark hot enough to burn lighter fluid (a.k.a. butane), the chemicals it's made of start to break down. They react with the oxygen in the air and produce water and carbon dioxide (maybe a bit of other stuff, depending on additives).

When molecules are heated past a certain point, they start to glow: emit energy in the

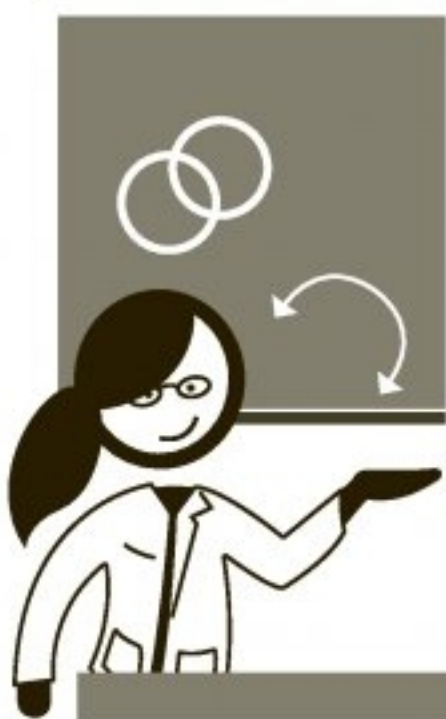
form of visible light as well as heat. The hot gases released by the burning of butane are hot enough to glow. In science terms, they're **incandescent**. That's the flame you see.

It also heats the surrounding air, making it expand and become less dense. And, you're right, Geoff: The downward pull of gravity is at work here. It draws colder, denser air from the room down to the base of the flame. This displaces the hot air, which rises. The upward flow of hot

air makes the flame move upwards, regardless of the direction the lighter is pointing.

I'm sure I was taught this at some point, but let's just say it wasn't burned into my brain. When I research your questions, I invariably find I know less than I think I do. Being science-minded means embracing your inner six-year-old and asking: But why? But why? But why, why, why?

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THE APOLOGY

Filmmaker shares stories of kidnapped war victims

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



It's difficult to imagine, but even 70 years after the end of the Second World War, there are still women fighting for a simple acknowledgement of the torture and abuse they endured during the hostility.

In the new documentary *The Apology*, Toronto filmmaker Tiffany Hsuing meets three grandmothers who uncover their experiences as "comfort women" — the so-called name for 200,000 girls who were kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery by the Imperial Japanese Army — an atrocity that is barely recognized by the Japanese government to this day.

"Silence is a cycle. It gets passed down from generation to generation," explained Hsuing about the stigma that oppressed comfort women for decades until South Korean organizations began prodding Japanese officials in the 1980s.

"This happened well before the grandmothers — this was a choice that it was better to stay quiet; to hold on to this yourself than to ever speak about it," said Hsuing. "We should feel that we live in a society where this is okay to share and to talk about."

Although focused on the stories of three former comfort women, Hsuing hopes her seven-year production also resonates for younger audiences. To accomplish that feat, she at-



Grandma Adela makes a difficult phone call to her son Eric in *The Apology*. The documentary focuses on the stories of three former "comfort women" who were kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery by the Imperial Japanese Army. CONTRIBUTED



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"There was this sense of urgency from the moment we started that this story needs to be told."

Filmmaker Tiffany Hsuing

ating that shame and perpetuating that silence, so yes, this film aims to encourage and empower the younger generation to speak out of their own experience," said Hsuing. "But also to encourage our society — how do we support survivors, people who have gone through sexual violence, and create a space where they don't feel shame?"

'Silence is a cycle' for sexual slavery victims

tempted to play down historical documentation in lieu of the grandmothers' contemporary quest for formal recognition and acceptance of the tragedy. "Sexual slavery is still go-

ing on in countries where war is happening but human trafficking (is) happening right in our own backyard here in Canada," said Hsuing of the film's relevance. "Sexual violence is

here amongst us and survivors are still trying to come out with their stories."

Hsuing references the recent Jian Ghomeshi case or Bill Cosby's sexual assault suit to exem-

plify the pressure for survivors to stay silent. Indeed, *The Apology* may target a black mark from the 1940s, but its message is clearly prescient today. "We play a role in perpetu-

FOOTAGE

The biggest challenge

"We had over 400 hours of footage to work with and it got cut down to an hour and 45 minutes," said Hsuing, who shot the movie over seven years. "It was definitely hard to select and piece the moments dating back that were best going to tell the story."

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CELEBRITY

When Harry met Rihanna

Prince Harry joined Rihanna in celebrating 50 years of independence for her native Barbados.

The prince, visiting the sixth of seven nations on a two-week Caribbean tour, and the singer shared the stage Wednesday night with the prime minister during a concert and dance performance marking the date the island broke away from Britain.

Harry read a message from the Queen congratulating Barbados and saying that the island should be "rightfully proud" of a vibrant culture and natural beauty. He spoke before a crowd of about 20,000 people at the Kensington Oval

cricket ground.

He also encouraged residents to work together to confront challenges such as climate change and the effects of technology on the job market.

"The solutions to these challenges will not come from anyone else. The answers must come from you," he said. "Good things happen to good people. Believe you can make change, and if you lead by example, others will follow."

Earlier, Rihanna and Harry met at the airport, and then marked World AIDS Day by visiting an HIV clinic in Bridgetown and being tested for the disease. The prince took a public HIV test this summer as

part of a campaign to raise public awareness.

"I want to say to everyone who hasn't been tested: Get tested, regardless of who you are, your background, culture or religion," he said while visiting the clinic in the capital of Barbados.

Harry is on a two-week tour of the Caribbean that is also a celebration of the 90th birthday of his grandmother the queen.

He will stop next in Guyana, where he is expected to make a trip to the rainforest, meet with President David Granger and place a wreath at a memorial to that country's independence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Prince Harry watches as Rihanna gets her blood sample taken for a live HIV test in order to promote widespread testing on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. The Prince also took a test during the visit to Barbados, marking the nation's independence. GETTY IMAGES



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Tatiana Maslany and Tom Cullen in *The Other Half*. COURTESY MONGREL MEDIA.

IN FOCUS

Spend your cash on worthwhile films instead of sequels, reboots

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



This weekend, for the first time all year, none of the new films on release have a number or a colon in the title.

That means no sequels, prequels or reboots cluttering up screens. Hollywood hasn't suddenly decided to change their tactic of squeezing every dime out of every tried-and-true concept in their back catalogue.

Nope, it's because after American Thanksgiving, one of the biggest movie times of the year, the studios figure everyone ate too much turkey to bother going to the movies this week.

That means we have smaller, not-ever-likely-to-be-sequelized movies like *Lovesick*, *Antibirth* and *The Other Half* on offer.

All, depending on your taste, are worth your dollar and each ticket bought sends a message that moviegoers won't be content with constant rehashes of stories we already know.

Recently a tentative deal to make *Bad Boys 3* and *4* was announced. While the prospect of a third and fourth movie in that decades old series is about as welcome as a plantar wart, we did this to ourselves by sup-

porting endlessly repackaged stories and ideas.

Hollywood wouldn't spend the time or effort to make photocopy quality sequels if we didn't line up to see them, so why not use your buying power to demand better movies? Read these easy-to-follow rules for sequel avoidance:

1. Generally speaking, shun movies with numbers in the titles. This sounds straightforward, but movies like *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Three Days of the Condor*, *8½*, and *The Seven Samurai* muddy the waters.

By all means go see or stream those, but when choosing a movie beware of titles containing colons (*Lawnmower Man 2: Beyond Cyberspace*), the word "part" (*Friday the 13th Part 3: 3D*), unless of course it's *The Godfather Part II*, a subtitle like "This Time It's Personal" (*Sister Act: Back in the Habit*), roman numerals (*Superman IV: The Quest For Peace*) or any combination of the above (*Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan*).

Other trouble spots include

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Other Half ★★★★★
Lovesick ★★★
Antibirth ★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★★ SEE IT
★★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★★ UP TO YOU
★★ SKIP IT

titles containing the words "Beginning" (*Psycho IV: The Beginning*), "Bride" (*Bride of Chuck*), "Return" (*Return to the Blue Lagoon*), "Vs." (*Camera vs. Jigger*), "Boogaloo" (*Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo*) or "Revenge" (*Jaws: The Revenge*).

2. Worse than numbered sequels are movies which substitute a homophonous word for the number (*Look Who's Talking Too*, *Teen Wolf Too*).

3. Avoid movies that recycle ideas while simply changing the tense of the movie title. Examples? What was funny in *Analyze This* became less so in *Analyze That* and there is a reason I Still Know What You Did Last Summer sits at a 7 per cent approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

4. And finally, as a matter of principle, steer clear of any movie in which Ben Stiller plays supermodel Derek Zoolander.

Of course I'm joking — except about Zoolander. Any movie that subtitles itself with "No. 2" is really asking for it.

Go see whatever you want, but keep in mind when supporting bad movies the joke is on us. It feeds the notion that audiences are as creatively bankrupt as the studios. Not so.

If you are given a steady diet of dog food, pretty soon you get a taste for Alpo, but if occasionally you have something better, soon enough you'll crave foie gras. Sequels are the dog food of the movie industry. Don't let them force feed you.



5 THINGS TO DO IN TREMBLANT (BESIDES SKIING)

Along with premiere views and food, Mont-Tremblant offers you a variety of outdoor adventures, and ways to kick-back. From relaxing in a beer garden to hitting the water circuits, it's a natural paradise in any season. Here are five things to do: **LAUREN MILLER/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



1 Ride the luge

You can experience the rush that comes from hurtling down the side of a mountain at top speed, even when there's no snow, if you ride the Skyline Luge at Mont-Tremblant. While the ride may seem geared to kids, no one can resist cracking a smile while navigating the twisting course in a luge cart. Helmets, carts and patient and informative staff are on hand.



2 Enjoy a local brew

Head to the outdoor patio at the Microbrasserie La Diable at Mont-Tremblant, where you can admire the view of the old Tremblant village. This casual, timber-roofed brewery has hints of German inspiration in its décor, and it serves 100 per cent natural craft beer. It's also the first microbrewery ever opened in the Laurentians.



3 Hit the village shops

Take some time to enjoy the charm of the village and peruse some of the many quaint shops that line the cobble streets. You'll find big-box favourites, such as Burton and David's Tea, as well as small galleries full of local art and handmade gifts. You should also probably treat yourself to an authentic Beaver-Tails pastry.



4 Detoxify

Head to the Scandinave Spa, where you'll be able to detoxify and relax in a circuit of outdoor saltwater hot tubs, eucalyptus steam rooms and hammocks strung between evergreens. Combine the circuits with a Swedish massage for even more calming bliss. It's a busy spot, so book your visit ahead of time.



5 Cruise Lac Tremblant

Enjoy the views of the mountain from below and above, with a boat rental. You can sail around the 12-kilometre long lake on a pontoon, tin or inflatable boat, and take in the incredible views of the surrounding rolling hills and gorgeous cottages. The lake is also home to a number of small islands.



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Meeting the elephants of Thailand

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Bigger-picture initiatives protect animals

Renée Suen
For Torstar News Service

Before she turned four, YinLuck had already been begging on the streets of Southern Thailand. Like other elephants, she might have gone on to work at a circus had she not been rescued by the Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation.

Elephant husbandry in Southeast Asia is a contentious topic. Asian elephants play a part in ceremonial and religious traditions, and mahout (caretaker) culture demands certain families own elephants.

Due to a decline in trade, elephants and their mahouts are now competing for fewer jobs, often for longer hours, and at lower pay. Since the large vegetarians are expensive to keep, mahouts are forced to find alternative employment.



Elephants YinLuck and Kumpun feast on the jungle foliage at the Golden Triangle Elephant Camp's expansive 160-acre grounds. Elephants require about 250 kilograms of food a day.

RENÉE SUEN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In the city, elephants face a life of inadequate nutrition, poor health from pollution, and the threat of being hit by cars. In illegal logging camps, elephants are overworked and underfed.

A recent surge in ecotourism may be the best opportunity for the majority of Thailand's 4,000 captive elephants and the com-

munities whose livelihoods are dependent on them. But concern over trekking conditions (overworked, improperly carrying unsafe loads), and frequent reports of abuse and the illegal capture of young elephants from wild herds to supply the tourism or entertainment industries, is unsettling.

John Roberts, director of elephants at Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort and founder of the Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation, says education is the best way to aid species conservation. "You can't stop over 4,000 years of tradition when the biggest asset that feeds these families

is their elephant. So try to help through the tourism perspective, while giving mahouts the tools and opportunity to treat their elephants well."

Via the foundation's forward-thinking initiatives, the mahout community can sustain its needs and preserve its culture. Funded by luxury hotel chain Anantara, parent company Minor International, Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, and guest donations, a camp has been set up like a village, with elephant stables and lodgings. The families receive health care, schooling, and support for wives' silk-making enterprise. Mahouts are taught positive Western reinforcement techniques that refine their traditional methods, with protocols that give elephants the appropriate care, protection, treatment and security.

Outside the camp, the foundation is also reclaiming agricultural land through reforestation, protecting corridors of elephant traffic, and developing methods to eventually safely release captive elephants into the wild.

Guests can experience safe and ethical activities, from walking with the giants — a gentle,

WHY SANCTUARIES?

Thai elephants can't simply be released back into the wild: besides a loss of habitat and fragmentation due to urban growth, there are also dangers with ivory poaching and run-ins with humans.

minimally imposing means to enjoy the company of the majestic creatures, to dining alongside baby elephants. There's also a full-day mahout training experience, and a morning elephant yoga class I had erroneously thought of as a cute side-by-side workout, but actually involved up-dogging on the mammal's neck.

Roberts says that done properly, the elephants aren't bothered by the activity. Still, for my own peace of mind, I chose to admire them from afar.

Renée S. Suen was hosted by the Tourism Authority of Thailand and a guest at Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort, which didn't review or approve this story.

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Follow presidents to Palm Beach

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Area a golf favourite for both Kennedy and Trump

Brian Kendall
For Metro Canada



Following the January inauguration of Donald Trump, glamorous Palm Beach will once again become the preferred winter-time retreat of a golf-loving United States president.

John F. Kennedy could often be seen teeing it up on the Ocean Course at The Breakers, the towering Italian Renaissance-inspired luxury hotel that has been the focus of Palm Beach society for more than a century.

During his presidency, the Spanish-style Kennedy family compound at 1095 N. Ocean Blvd. served as the unofficial Winter White House.

Trump enjoys even fancier digs. In 1985, he purchased Marjorie Merriweather Post's fabulous Mar-a-Lago estate and turned it into a members-only



Located in the heart of Old Palm Beach, every golfer should head to The Breakers — whether they're a president or not. HANDOUT

club. The president-elect, a low-handicap golfer who owns or operates 17 golf clubs around the world, plays his rounds at nearby Trump International Golf Club.

Old Palm Beach is the historic heart of Palm Beach County, stretching from Jupiter in the north to Boca Raton in the south.

The county, the largest south-

east of the Mississippi River, is home to more than 165 courses, including several of the top resort tracks in the South.

Sharing the same address as the PGA of America in the upscale enclave of West Palm Beach, about 20 minutes north of Palm Beach, is PGA National Resort and Spa, the scene of

numerous past championships, including the 1983 Ryder Cup and the 1987 PGA Championship.

The headliner of the resort's five courses is the Champion Course, a superb Jack Nicklaus design that will host the PGA Tour's annual Honda Classic, Feb. 23 to 26.

“Every visitor should spend at least a few hours in Old Palm Beach, marvelling at the Mediterranean-style waterfront mansions along Billionaire's Row.

PGA National's major rival among Palm Beach County's golf resorts is Boca Raton Resort and Club, a Spanish-Moorish beachfront palace designed in the 1920s by visionary architect Addison Mizner, famous as the creator of the Palm Beach Style. The property's original William Flynn-designed layout, the Resort Course, is sneakily difficult, with rapid elevation changes and numerous water features. A far stiffer test is the Country Club Course, a Joe Lee design located a short drive from the resort.

Mizner's imprint is seen everywhere in Palm Beach County, but especially in Old Palm Beach

where he designed opulent waterfront mansions for the Rockefellers, Du Ponts, Vanderbilts and other American royalty.

He took his inspiration from the medieval buildings of the Mediterranean, flamboyantly including courtyards and arcades in his designs to let his clients better enjoy the balmy Florida weather.

Every visitor should spend at least a few hours in Old Palm Beach, marvelling at the Mediterranean-style waterfront mansions along Billionaire's Row and exploring the chic boutiques that line Worth Avenue and its gracefully colonnaded corridors — Via Mizner, Via Prigi, Via Roma.

Equally essential for golfers is a tee off on the Ocean Course at The Breakers in the heart of Old Palm Beach.

Reputed to be Florida's first 18-hole layout when it opened in 1897, the Ocean Course sparked the game's rapid growth throughout Palm Beach County, a winter tourist destination still justly touted as “Florida's Golf Capital.”

For more travel golf stories, visit Brian's website at canadiangolfttraveller.com

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Tiger quickly fades in return to links

GOLF

Woods' strong front nine overshadowed by poor finish

Not only did Tiger Woods return to golf Thursday, he returned to being Tiger.

Just not for long.

Hardly looking like a player who had not competed in 466 days, Woods ran off three straight birdies with a variety of shots and was tied for the lead in the Hero World Challenge as he approached the turn.

Three shots in the bushes, one shot in the water and a few fits of anger sent him toward the bottom of the pack. A pair of double bogeys over the final three holes ruined an otherwise impressive return, and Woods shot 40 on the back nine at Albany Golf Club in Nassau, Bahamas, and had to settle for a 1-over 73.

He was in 17th place in the 18-man field. Only Justin Rose had a higher score.

Even so, Woods has reason to be encouraged. After taking off 15 months to recover from two back surgeries, he felt no pain or limitations. His misses were not big, just costly. And he was playing again.

He was nine shots behind J.B. Holmes, who opened with an



Tiger Woods dries his face while on the 10th green at the Hero World Challenge on Thursday in Nassau, Bahamas. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

LEADERBOARD

1. J.B. Holmes	-8	64
2. Hideki Matsuyama	-7	65
3. Dustin Johnson	-6	66
4. Henrik Stenson	-5	67
4. Matt Kuchar	-5	67
4. Louis Oosthuizen	-5	67

8-under 64 and had a one-shot lead over Hideki Matsuyama, with U.S. Open champion Dus-

tin Johnson at 66.

Woods is coming off the longest hiatus of his golfing life. Plagued by back problems since 2013 when he was No. 1 in the world, he finally shut it down after tying for 10th in the Wyndham Championship on Aug. 23, 2015, and then going through two back surgeries.

With his first meaningful shot, he tugged his drive slightly onto the edge of a bunker, but hit that into 15 feet and

made par.

Early on, Woods — now ranked 898th in the world — looked like he belonged in the 18-man field of players from the top 50 in the world. He answered a few questions, not only with a 342-yard drive with a strong tropical breeze at his back, but with a tight draw.

Overall, Woods made five birdies, two bogeys and two double-bogeys.

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Players and owners reach 5-year pact

Baseball players and owners reached a tentative agreement on a five-year labour contract Wednesday night, a deal that will extend the sport's industrial peace to 26 years since the ruinous fights in the first two decades of free agency.

After days of near round-the-clock talks, negotiators reached a verbal agreement about 3-1/2 hours before the expiration of the current pact. A few hours later they signed a memorandum of understanding, which must be ratified by both sides. "It's great! Another five years of uninterrupted baseball," Oakland catcher Stephen Vogt said in a text message.

In announcing the agreement, Major League Baseball and the players' association said they will make specific terms available when drafting

\$195M

Among the many changes he luxury tax threshold rises from \$189 million to \$195 million next year with tax rates rising to 20 per cent for first offenders.

is complete.

"Happy it's done, and baseball is back on," Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Brandon McCarthy said.

As part of the deal, the experiment of having the All-Star Game determine which league gets home-field advantage in the World Series will end after 14 years, a person familiar with the agreement told The Associated Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Gushue rink faring well without skip at Canada Cup

Brad Gushue's curling foursome is soaring without its skip at the 2016 Canada Cup curling competition.

The St. John's, N.L., rink won its third straight match to open the tournament in Brandon Man., stealing a point in the 10th end in a 7-6 win over Saskatoon's Steve Laycock (2-1) in Thursday's fifth draw.

Mark Nichols is calling the shots with Gushue back home rehabbing his hip and groin injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver, Victoria score world juniors hosting gig

Vancouver and Victoria will welcome the world's top under-20 hockey players in 2019 when the cities co-host the world junior hockey championship. The announcement was made on Thursday.

The 2019 tournament will mark the 13th time Canada has hosted the world juniors.

B.C. last hosted the event in 2006 in Vancouver, Kelowna and Kamloops. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Jays in 'opportunistic' position later in off-season: GM



Edwin Encarnacion is considered one of the top jewels in this year's free-agent crop. VAUGHN RIDLEY/GETTY IMAGES

Some big free-agent dominoes could fall at the upcoming baseball winter meetings near Washington.

Blue Jays general manager Ross Atkins said Thursday he expects teams and agents will soon become a little more active, adding it'll likely take a couple big player signings or moves to put things in motion. Whether Toronto will be involved remains a question mark.

Atkins, speaking at a luncheon with members of the Toronto chapter of the Baseball

Writers' Association of America, said it's hard to say whether anything is imminent.

"We were close the first day of the off-season as well," he said. "You're always close, but nothing is done until it's done. It's really hard to say how I see (the meetings) going. But we feel with (Kendrys) Morales here that we're in a good position to stay aggressive on the players that we feel are closer to ideal fits, more seriously consider on a daily basis all the guys that were here. And also, because Morales is here, we also feel like we will be in a position to be more opportunistic later in the off-season."

Morales, who had 30 homers and 93 RBIs last season for

the Kansas City Royals, inked a \$33-million US, three-year contract with the Blue Jays last month. He will likely serve primarily as a designated hitter and could inject some needed pop in the lineup, especially if free-agent slugger Edwin Encarnacion doesn't return.

Encarnacion is coming off another big season and is one of the top jewels in this year's free-agent crop. He had 42 homers and 127 RBIs last season for Toronto and is set to cash in with a lucrative multi-year deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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GM Ross Atkins on the chances of signing Edwin Encarnacion after already signing Kendrys Morales

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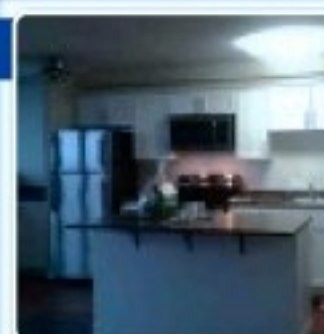
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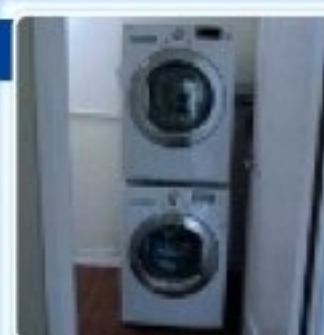
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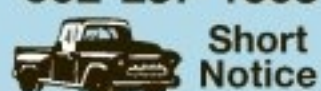
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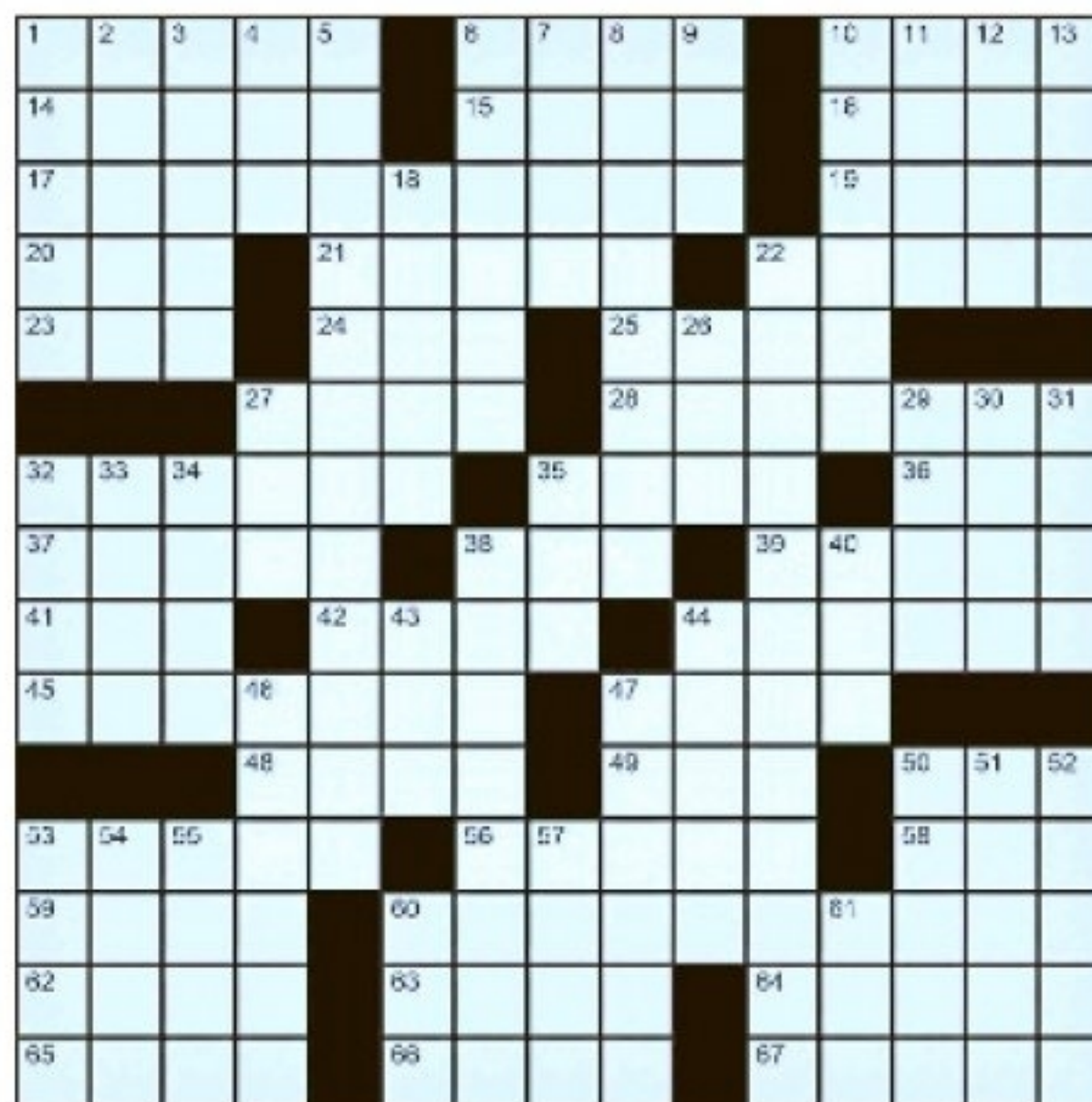
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15. Fine
16. Moreover
17. Denizens of Vancouver Island's largest city
19. Mouselike critter
20. Once ___ lifetime
21. "Jeez! I have no idea."
22. Alps song
23. Apple devices platform
24. Rapper, ___ Kim
25. Montreal 'cabbage'
27. Ms. Suvari
28. Pilgrimage town in France for Saint Bernadette
32. Careless
35. Feline's utterance
36. Jan's portrayer on "The Brady Bunch"
37. "You've got ___" ...pointed out the plumber
38. Angry
39. Baby barn bird
41. Final [abbr.]
42. "Stanley & ___" (1990)
44. Sanctify
45. Statue of Liberty poet Emma
47. Musician Mr. Puente
48. "Watch your ___!"
49. "___ about time." (Finally)
50. Emulate Donald Sutherland
53. Painter Mr. Chagall's
56. ___ Corporal (Mar-



- ines rank)
58. Val-___, Quebec
59. Languish
60. Big boulevard in The South Shore of Montreal sharing the surname of Quebec's Premier from 1920 to 1936
62. Prayer's last word
63. Authentic

64. Sir Paul McCartney's second wife Heather
65. Hoover Dam lake
66. TV actress Susan, and surnamesakes
67. Spew

DOWN

1. Cato's 207
2. Chilliwack's wet-

3. Past persons of Peru
4. Meet
5. Retro 1950s garbs: 2 wds.
6. Edmonton-born hockey great Jarome
7. Horse coat style
8. Batman: Acces-

- sorized like The Penguin
9. Classified listings, e.g.
10. Enjoy the delicious taste
11. Trudge
12. Archipelago part
13. Sir Coward
18. Archaeological

- attractions
22. Anne Murray's version of it was said to be John Lennon's favourite cover of a Beatles song ever: 4 wds.
26. Owl's sound
27. Ms. Farrow
29. Salami shop
30. Air Supply's "___ the Nights Are Better"
31. Cobblestone
32. "The Addams Family" (1991) star Mr. Julia
33. "___ Enchanted" (2004)
34. Toronto-based "Pure Auto" band
35. Humanities degs.
38. Can't remember where you put something
40. "Face/Off" (1997) director John
43. Sara of "Less Than Perfect"
44. G's spelled-out follower
46. Rise
47. Touches of colour
50. "Skyfall" songstress
51. Rake over the ___
52. TD Canada ___
53. Gentlewoman
54. Wile E. Coyote's supplier
55. Carla's portrayer on "Cheers"
57. Greyish
60. Sitcom co-star to #55-Down
61. 18-wheeler

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Use the next two months to make plans for your direction in life, especially your career. This will be a good time to talk to bosses and employers about advancing your job.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Any kind of study or further interest in education will flow smoothly for you during the next two months. You want to learn, and you also want to travel. Bon voyage!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The next two months are an excellent time to discuss financial negotiations and matters related to inheritances, insurance issues, taxes, debt and shared property. (It's a very favorable time for these activities.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The planet Mercury will oppose your sign for the next two months, giving you an excellent chance to explain your situation to someone close to you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The next two months are excellent for any kind of mental work, because you will be more attentive to detail than usual. You won't mind doing routine work that you might usually avoid.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Games and mental activities will appeal to you during the next two months, because your mind will be in a playful mood. Enjoy amusing diversions like puzzles.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Family discussions and home repairs will be your strong focus in the next two months. Memories of your youth and times from the past will resurface.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Expect a busy two months ahead! Intellectual activities, short trips and conversations with everyone will keep you on the go! Yada, yada, yada.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Trust your moneymaking ideas, especially in the next two months, because you will bring mental energy to anything related to your earnings and cash flow. Financial discussions will take place.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planet Mercury moves into your sign today, where it will stay until early February of next year. This will make you talkative!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your ability to do research and find answers will be excellent during the next few months. Start digging!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Expect increased involvement with friends and groups in the next few months, especially with friends from your past. (It's good to have history with others.)

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